

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has recently approved the proposal of Andhra Pradesh to take up techno-economic feasibility study of some canals for development of inland waterways in the State;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to declare Godavari (between Bhadrachalam and Rajahmundry) and Krishna (between Wazirabad and Vijaywada) as National Waterways; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir .

(b) A project for survey and techno-economic feasibility study for development of inland water transport in the following canals of Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned during 2005-06 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.75 lakh.

- Backwaters of river Godavari -50km - Gannavaram bank canal (Rajahmundry to Sakinetipalli) -90km - Amalapuram canal (Rajahmundry to Amalapuram)-80km - Kotipalli bank canal ((Rajahmundry to Yanam)-90km - Samalkota canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)-65km - Korangi canal (Rajahmundry to Kakinada)-90km - Machilipatnam canal (Vijayawada to Machilipatnam)-80km, and
- Ryves canal (Vijayawada to Kaikaluru)-100km

(c) Yes, Sir .

(d) Bhadrachalam - Rajahmundry stretch of River Godavari along with Wazirabad- Vijayawada stretch of River Krishna and Kakinada - Pondicherry stretch of canals consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank for a total length of 1095 km is being considered for declaring it as a National Waterway. The estimated cost of developmental works of this waterway is about Rs 542 crore.